

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for the provision of telecommunications services in an environment in which there are a plurality of systems working according to different standards and reachable from a terminal in an integrated way, at least one of the telecommunications services being provided by several systems of the plurality, the method comprising, with regard to the request of provision of the at least one telecommunication service, the method comprising the steps of:

verifying the availability for the provision of the requested telecommunication service of at least a first and a second system of the plurality, the first telecommunication system forming with respect to the second telecommunication system a resource to be exploited in a preferential way, and

exploiting the resource in the preferential way by selecting, in an automatic and dynamic way, at least one between the first and the second system of the plurality for the provision of the requested telecommunication service by subdividing the telecommunication services into

a first set of telecommunication services to ~~te-be~~ substantially provided through the second telecommunication system, and

a second set of telecommunication services to be provided through the first telecommunication system and the second telecommunication system,

in case of a request for provision of a telecommunication service from the first set, verifying the availability of the second telecommunication system for providing the telecommunication service of the first set as requested, supplying and not supplying respectively the telecommunication service of the first set through the second telecommunication system, depending on whether or not the second telecommunication system is available,

in case of a request for provision of a telecommunication service of the second set,

verifying the availability of the first telecommunication system in order to provide the telecommunication service of the second set, as requested, and providing the

telecommunication service of the second set, as requested, through the first telecommunication system, if the first telecommunication system is available,

if the first telecommunication system is unavailable for transmission of the telecommunication service of the second set as requested, verifying the availability of the second telecommunication system to provide the telecommunication service of the second set, as requested, and providing and not providing the telecommunication service of the second set, as requested, depending on whether or not the second telecommunication system is available for provision of the telecommunication service of the second set, as requested.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the selecting step is carried out so as to find-out, within the first set, a subset of telecommunication services that ~~could~~ is available to be provided in at least a condition of modified communication resources, the presence of a provision request for a telecommunication service of the subset including the steps of:

verifying the unavailability of the second telecommunication system for the provision of the telecommunication service of the subset as requested and,

once the unavailability has been verified, re-negotiating the provision request whereby the telecommunication service of the subset is again requested for the provision in a condition of modified communication resources.

4. (currently amended) The method as recited in claim 3 wherein the selecting step is carried out so as to lead, within the second set, to a respective subset of telecommunication services that are deliverable in at least one condition of modified communication resources, and, when there is a provision request for a telecommunication service of the respective subset, ~~it~~ the selecting step comprises the steps of:

verifying the unavailability of at least one between the first and the second system for the provision of the telecommunication service of the respective subset as requested and,

after verifying the unavailability, re-negotiating the provision request, the provision of the telecommunication service of the respective subset being requested again in a condition of modified communication resources.

5. (currently amended) The method as recited in claim 4 wherein the selecting step is carried out so as to be able to lead, within at least one between the set and the respective subset, to telecommunication services that ~~may~~ are available to be provided under a plurality of conditions of modified communication resources, ~~that~~ the method further comprising the step of:

repeatedly re-negotiating the request for service provision under subsequently modified communication resources.

6. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the selecting step comprises the step of subdividing the telecommunication services into a first set comprising services of conversational class and a second set comprising services included in at least one class among the classes of streaming services, interactive services, and background services.

7. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 4 wherein the second set includes streaming class services.

8. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the selecting step is carried out by selecting the systems in the group formed by the mobile communication systems.

9. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 8 wherein the selecting step is carried out by selecting the systems in the group formed by UMTS, WLAN and 802.11 systems.

10. (currently amended) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of:

verifying the availability of the first telecommunication system on the basis of a criterion of admission control of the users by detecting the performance degradation of the first telecommunication system as the number of users increases.

11. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 10, further comprising the steps of:
detecting the total bit rate available to the active users on the first telecommunication system, and

considering the first telecommunication system as unavailable for a new user when the bit rate available upon the possible admission of the new user reaches a threshold value.

12. (currently amended) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of:

detecting the availability of the second telecommunication system, by defining a load parameter of the second telecommunication system and by considering the second telecommunication system as unavailable when the load parameter reaches a threshold value.

13. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 12 wherein the load parameter is a parameter derived on the basis of "pole capacity."

14. (currently amended) A system for providing telecommunications services in an environment wherein a plurality of telecommunications systems are provided that operate according to different standards and that ~~may~~are configured to be accessed from a terminal in an integrated manner, at least one of the telecommunication services being deliverable by more than one of the telecommunications systems of the plurality, the system being ~~capable~~configured, when there is a provision request for the at least one telecommunication service, ~~of co-operating to cooperate~~ with the plurality of telecommunications systems and comprising:

_____ a processor; and

_____ a memory having stored thereon instructions that, when executed by the processor, perform:

~~a module for verifying the availability for the provision of the telecommunication service requested, of at least a first and a second system of the plurality of telecommunications systems, and~~

~~a module for selecting, in an automatic and dynamic way, between the first and the second system of the plurality for the provision of the telecommunication service requested,~~

the first system forming with respect the second system a resource to be exploited preferentially,
the selecting module including

a) ~~a module for subdividing the telecommunication services into~~

a first set of telecommunication services to be substantially provided
through the second telecommunication system, and

a second set of telecommunication services to be provided through the
first telecommunication system and the second telecommunication system,

b) ~~a module for, in case of a request for provision of a telecommunication service
from the first set, verifying the availability of the second telecommunication system for
providing the telecommunication service of the first set as requested, supplying and not
supplying respectively the telecommunication service of the first set through the second
telecommunication system, depending on whether or not the second telecommunication system
is available,~~

c) ~~a module for, in case of when a request for provision of a telecommunication
service of the second set is received,~~

c1) verifying the availability of the first telecommunication system in order
to provide the telecommunication service of the second set, as requested, and providing the
telecommunication service of the second set, as requested, through the first telecommunication
system, if the first telecommunication system is available,

c2) if the first telecommunication system is unavailable for transmission of
the telecommunication service of the second set as requested, verifying the availability of the
second telecommunication system to provide the telecommunication service of the second set, as
requested, and providing and not providing the telecommunication service of the second set, as
requested, depending on whether or not the second telecommunication system is available for
provision of the telecommunication service of the second set, as requested.

15. (canceled)

16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) The system as recited in claim ~~15~~ 14 wherein the instructions, when executed by the processor, further perform: ~~the module is configured to select such that~~

~~the selection can lead to~~determining the presence, within the first set, of a subset of telecommunication services deliverable in at least a condition of reduced communication resources, and, ~~in case of~~

when receiving a provision request of a telecommunication service of the subset, ~~the module is configured to verifying~~ the unavailability of the second telecommunication system for the provision of the telecommunication service of the subset as requested, and, once the unavailability has been verified, ~~to re-negotiate~~ negotiating the provision request, the telecommunication service of the subset being requested again for the provision in a condition of reduced communication resources.

18. (currently amended) The system as recited in claim 14, wherein the instructions, when executed by the processor, further perform:

~~the module being configured to select in such a way that the selection can lead to~~determining, within the second set of telecommunication services, ~~to a respective subset of telecommunication services capable of being~~configured to be provided in at least a condition of reduced communication resources, and ~~in that in case of~~

when receiving a provision request for a telecommunication service of the respective subset, ~~the module is configured to verifying~~ the unavailability of at least one between the first and second system for the provision of the telecommunication service of the respective subset as requested and, once the unavailability has been verified, ~~to re-negotiate~~ negotiating the provision request such that provision of the telecommunication service of the respective subset is requested again in a condition of reduced communication resources.

19. (currently amended) The system as recited in claim 18, wherein the instructions, when executed by the processor, further perform:

~~the module is configured to select in such a way that the selection can lead, within at least one between the set and the respective subset, to telecommunication services that can be provided~~ providing at least one of the set and the respective subset of telecommunication services in a plurality of conditions of modified communication resources, and

~~the module being configured to repeatedly re-negotiate~~ negotiating the request for telecommunication service provision under conditions of subsequently modified communication resources.

20. (currently amended) The system as recited in claim 14, wherein the selecting step comprises ~~module is configured to select~~ subdividing the telecommunication services such that the first set comprises telecommunication services of conversational class and the second set of telecommunication services comprises telecommunication services included in at least one class among the classes of the streaming services, interactive services, and background services.

21. (currently amended) The system as recited in claim 18, wherein the services of the second set are services of a streaming class.

22. (currently amended) The system as recited in claim 14, wherein the ~~module-system~~ is configured to co-operate with mobile communication systems, including the telecommunications systems of the plurality.

23. (currently amended) The system as recited in claim 22, wherein the ~~module-system~~ is configured to co-operate with telecommunications systems included in the group formed by UMTS, WLAN and 802.11 systems.

24. (canceled)

25. (currently amended) The system as recited in claim 14, wherein the ~~module is configured to~~ step of verifying the availability of the first telecommunication system comprises verifying the

availability of the first telecommunication system on the basis of a criterion of admission control of users thereof by detecting performance degradation of the first telecommunication system as the number of users increases.

26. (currently amended) The system as recited in claim 25, wherein the module is configured to instructions, when executed by the processor, further perform:

detecting the a total bit rate available to the users active on the first telecommunication system, and

considering the first telecommunication system unavailable for a new user when the bit rate available following the possible admission of the new user reaches a threshold value.

27. (currently amended) The system as recited in claim 14, wherein the module is configured to step of detecting the availability of the second telecommunication system by includes defining a load parameter of the second telecommunication system and by considering the second telecommunication system as unavailable when the load parameter reaches a threshold value.

28. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 27 wherein the load parameter is a parameter derived on the basis of "pole capacity."

29. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon instructions that, when executed, perform: program product that may be directly loaded in the internal memory of a digital computer and that comprises portions of software code to carry out the method according to claim 1 when the product is run on a computer

verifying the availability for the provision of a requested telecommunication service of at least a first and a second system of a plurality of telecommunication systems, the first telecommunication system forming with respect to the second telecommunication system a resource to be exploited in a preferential way, and

exploiting the resource in the preferential way by selecting, in an automatic and dynamic way, at least one between the first and the second system of the plurality for the provision of the requested telecommunication service by subdividing the telecommunication services into

a first set of telecommunication services to be substantially provided through the second telecommunication system, and

a second set of telecommunication services to be provided through the first telecommunication system and the second telecommunication system,

in case of a request for provision of a telecommunication service from the first set, verifying the availability of the second telecommunication system for providing the telecommunication service of the first set as requested, supplying and not supplying respectively the telecommunication service of the first set through the second telecommunication system, depending on whether or not the second telecommunication system is available,

in case of a request for provision of a telecommunication service of the second set, verifying the availability of the first telecommunication system in order to provide the telecommunication service of the second set, as requested, and providing the telecommunication service of the second set, as requested, through the first telecommunication system, if the first telecommunication system is available,

if the first telecommunication system is unavailable for transmission of the telecommunication service of the second set as requested, verifying the availability of the second telecommunication system to provide the telecommunication service of the second set, as requested, and providing and not providing the telecommunication service of the second set, as requested, depending on whether or not the second telecommunication system is available for provision of the telecommunication service of the second set, as requested.